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SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

AT ITS

ANNUAL SESSIONS

AT

NEWBERRY, S. C.,

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AVELEIGH CHURCH, Newberry, S. C., Oct. 21, 1874.

The Synod of South Carolina met according to adjournment, at 7½ p. m., and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. J. O. Lindsay, the last Moderator present, from John xiv. 17.

After prayer, the following members were enrolled:

BETHEL PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
J. S. Bailey,	J. B. Steedman, Esq.,	Unionville.
D. Harrison,	H. H. Hart,	Rock Hill and Ebenezer.
H. R. Dickson,		
A. F. Dickson,	Hon. James Hemphill.	Purity.
Wm. Banks, (2)*	J. T. K. Belk, (2)	Unity.
J. S. White, (2)	James L. Ralph,	Pleasant Grove.

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.

Geo. Howe, D. D.,	Gen. F. W. McMaster, (2)	1st ch., Columbia.
J. L. Girardeau, D. D.,	J. A. Enslow, (2)	Zion ch., Glebe St., Ch'n.
T. H. Legare, (2)	M. Glover, (2)	Orangeburg.
F. L. Leeper,	John McLeod.	James Island, John's
J. R. Dow,		[Island and Wadmalaw.
G. R. Brackett,		

HARMONY PRESBYTERY.

J. Leighton Wilson, D. D.,	Maj. T. B. Frazer,	Sumterville.
S. H. Hay,	J. T. Hay, Esq.,	Camden.
James McDowell.	S. B. Oliver,	Brewington and Man-
J. E. Dunlop,	J. P. Chase,	Florence. [ning.
E. H. Buist,	H. G. Charles,	Darlington.
W. S. Plumer, D. D.,	Dr. J. B. Jennings,	Bennettsville.
W. W. Mills,	R. A. Herron,	Lebanon & Salem (L.R.)
N. W. Edmunds,	R. R. Rosborough,	Aimwell and Centre Pt.
A. R. Kennedy,	Dr. Jos. A. James,	Indiantown.
W. T. Thompson,	W. S. Brand,	Bethel.
Robt. Bradley, (2)	A. McCaskill, (2)	Pine Tree and Turkey
J. S. Cozby, (2)	Flinn Wilson, (2)	Mt. Zion. [Creek.
C. E. Chichester,	J. W. Law,	Scion, (Winnsboro.)
W. J. McKay,	Dr. T. L. Burgess,	Salem (B. R.).

SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY.

J. L. Kennedy.	W. K. Boggs,	Carmel.
J. B. Adger, D. D.,	S. R. Todd,	Laurens C. H.

*The figure indicates the day on which the member took his seat.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
E. T. Buist, D. D., (2)	L. B. Cline,	Washington St. (Green-
J. F. Gibert,	S. F. Gibert,	Lebanon. [ville.
John McLees,	W. T. Henderson,	Rock.
J. O. Lindsay,	T. H. Anderson,	Good Hope and Roberts.
W. F. Pearson,	Col. J. A. Leland,	Nazareth.
W. P. Jacobs,	R. S. Phinney,	Clinton. [and Lisbon.
A. P. Nicholson,	W. J. Copeland,	Rocky Sp., Friendship,
T. H. Law,	Maj. Jos. Foster,	Spartanburg C. H.
L. K. Glasgow, (3)	Dr. T. S. Blake, ¹	Ninety-Six.
J. L. Martin,	Col. T. C. Perrin,	Abbeville.
Hugh Strong, (3),	J. C. Carlile,	Providence.
D. E. Frierson,	L. W. Gentry,	Midway.
R. A. Fair,	Maj. J. M. Baxter,	Aveleigh. [Mt. Bethel.
T. C. Ligon,	H. D. Boozer,	Smyrna, Gilder's Cr.,
W. C. Smith,	C. Randall,	Hopewell, (Pendleton.)
J. G. Law,	Dr. W. P. Noble,	Willington.

MINISTERS ABSENT AND CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED.

BETHEL PRESBYTERY.

Ministers absent.—S. L. Watson,* J. H. Saye, L. W. Curtis, Prof. J. M. Anderson,* A. A. James, J. E. White, T. W. Erwin, James Douglass, James H. Douglass,* W. W. Ratchford, R. E. Cooper,* J. Lowrie Wilson, D. P. Robinson,* J. W. Query, John G. Hall.

Churches not represented.—Allison Creek, Beersheba, Bethel, Bethesda, Beth Shiloh, Bullock's Creek, Cane Creek, Carmel Hill, Catholic, Cedar Shoal, Concord and Mt. Olivet, Douglas, Enoree, Fairforest and Grindal Shoals, Fishing Creek, Harmony, Hopewell, Lancasterville and Douglas, Mizpah, Olivet, Salem, Shiloh, Six Mile Creek, Unionville, Waxhaw, Yorkville, Tirzah, Mt. Tabor.

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers Absent.—E. Palmer,* W. States Lee,* C. S. Vedder,* W. H. Adams,* J. D. A. Brown, J. B. Dunwody, J. H. Bryson.

Churches not represented.—Aiken, Barnwell, Beech Island, Central church, Charleston, Edisto, Harmony, Mt. Pleasant, McClellanville, Orangeburg, Second Church, Charleston, Stoney Creek, Summerville, Walterboro, Wilton.

HARMONY PRESBYTERY.

Ministers absent.—W. Brearley,* Wm. M. Reid,* G. Morgan, D. D.,* W. A. Gregg,* J. A. Cousar, J. G. Richards, H. M. Brearley, D. McDuffie, J. L. Bartlett, H. C. DuBose.

Churches not represented.—Beaver Creek, Beulah, Bishopville and Hephzibah, Carolina, Cantyre, Cheraw, Concord, Elon, Fairhope, Great Pee Dee, Little Pee Dee, Hermon, Hopewell, Horeb, Liberty Hill, Kingston, Lynchburg, Marion, Midway, Pisgah, Red Bluff, Reedy Creek, Williamsburg, Union.

PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Ministers absent.—W. Carlile,* W. McWhorter, W. H. Davis, Z. L.

*Excused for absence.

Holmes, C. B. Stewart,* R. H. Reid,* E. F. Hyde, J. R. Riley, H. McLees, J. S. Young, Prof. Jas. F. Latimer.

Churches not represented.—Anderson, Antioch, Belton, Bethany, Bethel, Bethia, Cokesbury, Duncan's Creek, Fairview, George's Creek, Greenville, Honea Path. Hopewell, Liberty Spring, Little Mountain, Lodimont, Mt. Tabor, Mt. Zion, Nazareth (B. D.), New Harmony, North Pacolet, Pickens C. H., Retreat, Richland, Shady Grove, Upper Long Cane, Tugalo, Varennes, Warrior's Creek, Williamston.

The Rev. E. H. Buist was elected Moderator; Rev. T. H. Law, Temporary Clerk; and Rev. W. C. Smith, Assistant Clerk.

The Synod then, on motion of Maj. Baxter, agreed to hold its daily sessions from 9½ o'clock a. m. till 1 p. m., and from 3 till 5 p. m., spending the last half hour of each morning's session in devotional exercises.

Synod then adjourned, with prayer, to meet to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9½ o'clock—October 22.

Synod met, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. S. L. Watson, on account of advanced age, was excused for his absence from the present sessions of Synod.

The Moderator then announced his appointment of the following Standing Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Bills and Overtures.—Ministers—J. O. Lindsay, Geo. Howe, D. D., H. R. Dickson; Elders—J. Hemphill and C. Randall.

Judicial.—Ministers—W. S. Plumer, D. D., A. F. Dickson, N. W. Edmunds; Elders—J. B. Steadman, John McLeod.

Narrative.—Ministers—C. E. Chichester, F. L. Leeper; Elder—J. A. Leland.

Theological Seminary.—Ministers—J. L. Girardeau, D. D., D. Harrison, W. J. McKay, J. L. Martin; Elders—H. H. Hart, J. B. Jennings, T. S. Blake.

Finance.—Elders—R. S. Phinney, S. L. Burgess, J. L. Ralph.

Minutes of General Assembly.—Ministers—J. L. Martin, G. R. Brackett; Elder—T. B. Fraser.

Leave of Absence.—Ministers—J. R. Dow, J. G. Law; Elders—Jos. Foster and J. T. Hay.

Devotional Exercises.—Minister—R. A. Fair; Elder—J. M. Baxter.

Presbyterial Records.—

Bethel.—Minister—A. R. Kennedy; Elder—L. B. Cline.

Charleston.—Minister—D. E. Frierson; Elder—J. W. Law.

Harmony.—Minister—J. S. Bailey ; Elder—S. R. Todd.
 South Carolina.—Minister—F. L. Leeper ; Elder—J. A. James.

Rev. Manning Brown, of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, Rev. F. W. Eason, of the Baptist church, and Rev. H. W. Kuhns, of the Lutheran church, were invited to sit as corresponding members of this body.

Presbyterial narratives and statistical reports were presented, and read. The narratives were referred to the Committee on the Narrative.

The statistical reports are as follows :

Bethel Presbytery reports to the Synod of South Carolina, 21 ordained ministers, and 36 churches, and has under its care 8 licentiates and 4 candidates for the ministry ; it has ordained and installed licentiate J. W. Query pastor of the united churches of Lancasterville and Douglas ; it has received Rev. A. F. Dickson from the Presbytery of Wilmington, and installed him pastor of the Purity church ; it has received Rev. J. S. White from the Presbytery of Macon ; it has received Rev. D. P. Robinson, formerly of the Associate Reformed Church, South ; it has ordained licentiate John G. Hall as a foreign missionary ; it has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. James H. Douglass and the church of Beersheba ; and between Rev. John Lowrie Wilson and the church of Zion, that he may devote all his time to the pastoral care of Bethesda. It has organised one new church in the southwest of Chester county, called Mizpah.

D. HARRISON, Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery of Charleston consists of 11 ministers and 16 churches, three of which are colored. Zion church, Calhoun street, Charleston, and Ladson Memorial chapel, Columbia, have been authorised to form separate (colored) organisations. It has under its care 2 candidates for the ministry. It has received Rev. John H. Bryson from the Presbytery of West Hanover, and installed him pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Columbia ; it has also received Rev. J. B. Dunwoody from the Presbytery of Augusta ; it has dismissed Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D., to the Presbytery of Wilmington, and transferred licentiate Samuel D. Boggs to the care of the Presbytery of Memphis. The Rev. I. S. K. Legare has been removed by death.

W. H. ADAMS, Stated Clerk.

Harmony Presbytery is composed of 24 ministers, 42 churches, 3 licentiates and 8 candidates. Licentiate W. J. McKay has been ordained, and installed pastor of the Salem (B. R.) church ; licentiate S. R. Preston has been dismissed to the care of the Presbytery of Florida ; licentiate D. S. McAllister has been received from the Presbytery of Fayetteville, N. C., and arrangements have been made to ordain and install him pastor of the Great Pee Dee and Bennetttsville churches ; candidate T. R. English, E. E. Ervin and J. H. Hammett, have been licensed to preach the gospel. Rev. P. Pierson has departed this life. Seventeen ministers are actively engaged as pastors, two as supplies, one as Professor in Colum-

bia Theological Seminary, one as Secretary of Sustentation and Foreign Missions, two are laid aside by the infirmities of age and one by impaired health. One new church has been organised, twenty-three churches are supplied with pastors, two others soon will be supplied, nine have stated supplies, and eight are without the stated means of grace.

W. A. GREGG, Stated Clerk.

South Carolina Presbytery consists of 29 ministers and 57 churches, and has under its care 5 licentiates and 12 candidates. It has organised and enrolled the churches of Cokesbury and George's Creek. It has received Rev. W. C. Smith from Orange Presbytery; it has licensed Messrs. R. C. Ligon, J. Y. Fair, James H. Thornwell, and Robt. A. Reid, to preach the gospel; it has installed Rev. R. A. Fair pastor of the Aveleigh church (Newberry), W. F. Pearson pastor of Upper Long Cane, and has ordained and installed licentiate John G. Law pastor of Walhalla church; it has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. R. A. Mickle and Aveleigh church, and dismissed him to Macon Presbytery; it has dismissed Rev. J. B. Hillhouse to Cherokee Presbytery, Rev. T. Ward White to Tuscaloosa Presbytery, and licentiate J. H. Thornwell to Concord Presbytery. It has lost Rev. John McKittrick by death.

W. P. JACOBS, Stated Clerk.

A communication from the Postmaster of this town was received, extending courtesies with regard to the mail matter of the members of Synod. The pastor of this church was directed to return the thanks of Synod for the courtesies extended.

On motion of Rev. R. A. Fair, Synod resolved to hear the sermon of Rev. Dr. Adger to-morrow night, on "The Pastoral Relation and Support of the Ministry."

Rev. Messrs. W. Banks, J. S. White, T. H. Legare, R. Bradley, and J. S. Cozby, with ruling elders J. T. K. Belk, from Unity church, Bethel Presbytery; Gen. F. W. McMaster, First church, Columbia, M. Glover, Orangeburg, J. A. Enslow, Glebe street, Charleston Presbytery; A. McCaskill, from Turkey Creek and Pine Tree churches, Harmony Presbytery, and L. W. Gentry, from Midway church, South Carolina Presbytery; came into Synod, and having rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness were enrolled.

Yorkville was chosen as the place for the next annual meeting of the Synod, on Thursday the 4th day of November, 1875, at 10 o'clock a. m., and a Synodical prayer meeting was appointed to be held in the Presbyterian church at Yorkville, at 7½ o'clock on the preceding evening.

Col. T. C. Perrin, President of "The Society for the Relief of Indigent and Superannuated Ministers of the Presbyterian Church and their Families," presented a report, which was placed on the docket, and made the order for 10 a. m. to-morrow.

The following Committees were appointed to bring in minutes

concerning those ministers who have died since the last meeting of the Synod :

For Rev. I. S. K. Legare—Rev. J. R. Dow; Elder M. Glover.

For Rev. John McKittrick—Rev. W. P. Jacobs and W. J. Copeland.

For Rev. P. Pierson—Rev. J. McDowell, Rev. D. E. Frierson; Elder T. B. Frazer.

Rev. C. E. Chichester presented a paper relating to the re-adjustment of the bounds of the Presbyteries, composing the Synod, which was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The following Overtures were presented from the Presbytery of Charleston, viz.:

“That this Presbytery does hereby overture the Synod of South Carolina, at its approaching meeting, requesting it to overture the General Assembly, the Synods of Georgia and Alabama concurring, to restore to the said Synods, to which it originally belonged, the control of the Theological Seminary at Columbia.”

Rev. Dr. Girardeau also presented the following paper :

“The Synod of South Carolina, feeling a profound interest in the welfare of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., and feeling, at the same time, that this beloved institution is in serious danger of being extinguished by its financial and other difficulties, and is also menaced with absorption by kindred institutions already established or in contemplation, the Synod without herein expressing any opinion as to the cause of these embarrassments and dangers, and without passing any judgment on the past action of individuals or bodies of individuals, would respectfully memorialise the Assembly to remand the Seminary to the three Synods which originally founded, and which have, practically, supported it for years past, and to let it hereafter bear the same relationship to the General Assembly, that Union Seminary in Virginia does, the Synods engaging to sustain and more perfectly endow it, and with the blessing of God, make it as useful to the Church at large, in the future, as it has been in the past.”

Rev. W. W. Mills moved that these papers be referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures; Rev. J. L. Wilson, D. D., moved as a substitute, that Synod proceed at once to the consideration of these papers. The substitute prevailed. After discussion of the matter of these papers, the Synod at 5 o'clock adjourned, with prayer by Rev. G. R. Brackett, to meet to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock.

FRIDAY, October 23—9½ A. M.

Synod met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. T. H. Legaré.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. J. O. Lindsay, in behalf of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, presented a report, which was amended and adopted, recommending the adoption of the following paper presented yesterday by Rev. C. E. Chichester :

Whereas, The boundaries of the four Presbyteries in the Synod of South Carolina were determined many years ago, and churches were grouped together by districts with reference to their mutual accessibility by public highways ; and

Whereas, The introduction of railroad facilities has so changed the above condition of affairs, as to place many of our churches in more direct communication with other Presbyteries than those to which they belong ; and

Whereas, Representatives are compelled to pass though the bounds of different Presbyteries from their own in going to and returning from regular meetings ; and

Whereas, The Presbyteries all cover so wide an extent of territory as to render it difficult for representatives to attend the meetings regularly ; and

Whereas, The representation is so large as to prevent Presbyteries from meeting with feeble churches, thereby cutting them off entirely from the pleasure and profit of such meetings ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Synod of South Carolina hereby appoint a committee to be composed of one or more persons from each Presbytery, whose duty it shall be to take this whole matter into consideration, and report at the next regular meeting of Synod.

The following Committee was appointed :

From Bethel Presbytery—Rev. H. R. Dickson, and Hon. J. Hemphill.

From Charleston Presbytery—Rev. J. H. Bryson and Elder M. Glover.

From Harmony Presbytery—Rev. C. E. Chichester and Elder T. B. Frazer.

From South Carolina Presbytery—Rev. W. P. Jacobs and Elder G. McD. Miller.

Rev. H. Strong, Rev. L. K. Glasgow, and Elder J. P. Chase from the Florence church, Harmony Presbytery, came into Synod, and rendering satisfactory excuse for tardiness, were enrolled.

The order of the day for 10 a. m. was now taken up, and Synod proceeded to consider the "Report of the Society for the Relief of Indigent and Superannuated Ministers of the Presbyterian Church and their Families," presented by Col. T. C. Perrin, President of said Society, as follows :

"The said Society accepts the terms proposed by the Synod for a closer and more intimate connection between the Society and Synod, and has amended the Constitution of the Society, which amended Constitution is herewith submitted."

The amended Constitution of said Society was then read and

considered. Synod then, on motion of Col. Perrin, adopted the following resolutions :

Resolved, 1. That this Synod will take "The Society for the Relief of Indigent and Superannuated Ministers of the Presbyterian Church and their Families" under its care and control, and that it will elect the officers thereof.

2. That Synod commends the said Society to the favorable consideration of all liberal and benevolent persons.

3. That every minister of the said Church, having a charge, be, and they are hereby, requested to bring this Society to the notice of their congregations, and solicit members and contributions to it.

Synod then ordered that the amended Constitution of said Society be published as an Appendix to the Minutes of Synod, and proceeded to elect the following persons officers of the Society :

President—T. C. PERRIN.

Vice President—J. M. BAXTER.

Secretary—R. H. WARDLAW.

Treasurer—THOMAS THOMSON.

Rev. D. E. Frierson, from the Committee on the Records of Charleston Presbytery, and Rev. F. L. Leeper, on the Records of South Carolina Presbytery, reported, recommending the approval of the Records respectively. Their reports were adopted.

Rev. A. R. Kennedy reported on the Records of Bethel Presbytery. The report was amended and adopted, recommending their approval.

Rev. J. S. Bailey, from the Committee on the Records of Harmony Presbytery, reported that the Records had not been put into their hands. The report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

Rev. J. C. Boyd, of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South ; Rev. J. Humbert, of the Methodist E. Church, South ; and Rev. W. D. Rice, of the Baptist Church, were invited to seats as corresponding members.

Rev. Wm. Banks, Stated Clerk and Treasurer of Synod, presented the following report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance :

Received Oct. 30, 1873, from Dr. J. A. Mayes, Treasurer of Harmony Presbytery, Synodical assessment in full for 1873-4, \$60 00

" Nov. 20, 1873, from Maj. J. G. Lowry, Treasurer

Bethel Presbytery, - - - - 40 00

" May 12, 1874, from A. A. Foster, Treasurer of

South Carolina Presbytery, - - - - 60 00 \$160 00

Paid Treasurer, as due per last report, - - - - \$5 00

" May 13, 1874, Dr. J. Woodrow, for printing and distributing 1,000 copies of the Minutes of 1873, 65 29

" May 13, 1874, Stated Clerk, on salary for 1873-4, 89 71 160 00

Still due on salary of Stated Clerk, \$10.29.

The unfinished business of yesterday was then taken up, and the discussion concerning the Theological Seminary was continued until the hour of devotional exercises arrived.

After spending some time in devotional exercises, conducted by the Moderator, Synod recessed from business until 3 p. m.

After recess Synod convened and came to order.

The unfinished business was resumed, and the discussion concerning the Seminary continued until 5 o'clock p. m., when the Synod took recess until 7½ p. m.

Synod assembled after recess and heard Dr. Adger's sermon, appointed for this hour, on "The Pastoral Relation and Support of the Ministry."

Rev. Dr. J. Leighton Wilson then addressed the Synod on the subject of Foreign Missions; after which, and while the congregation were singing the Missionary hymn, a collection was raised for Foreign Missions.

The unfinished business was resumed, and the discussion continued.

Synod then adjourned with prayer by Col. J. A. Leland, to meet to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock.

SATURDAY, Oct. 24th—9½ A. M.

Synod convened, and was opened with prayer by Rev. D. E. Frierson. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The thanks of Synod were returned to Mr. T. F. Greneker for 150 blank return cards for the use of the members.

Major J. M. Baxter presented resolutions with reference to the sermon of Dr. Adger last night, which were placed on the docket and made the order for 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Rev. J. G. Law presented a series of resolutions regarding the appointment of an Evangelist for the Synod, which were also placed on the docket.

Rev. Dr. Girardeau was, at his own request, excused from serving on the Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary.

Rev. Dr. Girardeau then presented the following paper, which was adopted:

By a statement of the Secretary of the Assembly's Committee of Education, it appears that the Committee will need for the next year, \$2,000 to liquidate its debt, and in addition, an amount sufficient to support about one hundred students in their preparation for the ministry. In view of these facts—

Resolved, 1. That, in the judgment of this Synod, the cause of Educa-

tion is of the last importance, and the Synod profoundly sympathises with the Committee in its efforts to promote the interests involved in it.

2. That the Synod hereby calls the special attention of its ministers and churches to the November collection for Education, and urges it upon them to contribute of their means to the advancement of this great cause.

Rev. W. P. Jacobs, from the Committee appointed to prepare a memorial minute concerning Rev. John McKittrick, deceased, presented the following, which was adopted :

Rev. John McKittrick was born in the year 1808, in the county of Laurens, S. C., in the neighborhood of Rocky Spring church. He died August 27, 1874, at the age of 65 years. In his early years he was studious and persevering, moral and industrious, and even as a boy was known as an earnest worker in the cause of temperance. He early turned his thoughts to the ministry, but did not graduate at College until 1837, when he was in his 29th year. His studies were prosecuted at Franklin College, in Athens, Ga. In 1840 he was licensed to preach the gospel, and in November of that year he was ordained at Smyrna, as pastor of that and adjacent churches. In 1844 he resigned the pastorate and removed to Greenville, to labor at Fairview and New Harmony churches. In 1853 he removed to Georgia, and there preached the gospel in many places. He had previously been united in marriage to Miss Sarah D. Boozer, daughter of George Boozer, Esq., of Newberry county. Immediately after the war, having lost his wife, and with a helpless family of seven children under his care, he returned to South Carolina, and after a little while spent in Newberry, he finally settled in Laurens. He took charge of Rocky Spring and other adjoining churches. Here he labored faithfully. About a year previous to his death, he was greatly encouraged by seeing about thirty added at one time to Rocky Spring church, and seventeen to Bethany. At the time of his death, he was supplying the New Harmony church.

Brother McKittrick was a man skilled in the Word of God, and imbued with an ardent love for the Church. The whole thought of his heart was the house of his God. He sought to further a pure and undefiled Christianity. While he was a devoted Presbyterian, he loved to labor with Christians of other names. His last sermon was delivered in a Baptist church, from the words, "Finally, brethren, be perfect."

The record of a good man's life is ended. His body lies among the graves of his kindred, in the old Rocky Spring grave-yard. He has left his family to the care and prayers of the Church. The book of his life is laid away until the secrets of time are revealed. Then shall it be seen that the life of this country pastor was a life crowded with busy work. Man may not record it, but God knows.

Rev. J. McDowell reported the following minute in reference to the Rev. P. Pierson, deceased, which was adopted :

The Committee appointed to prepare a minute on the death of Rev. Philip Pierson, respectfully present the following :

The Rev. Philip Pierson was born in May, 1801, and died in his pulpit, in Bethel church, near his home in Clarendon, S. C., on the 9th of November, 1873, in the discharge of his solemn duties as a minister of the gospel, being seventy-two and a half years of age.

He was a graduate of Union Theological Seminary, Virginia ; and

from the time he left that institution until the very hour of his death, a period of about forty years, he was regularly and actively engaged in the great work of preaching the everlasting gospel of the blessed God.

Some of his first labors as a minister were in the State of North Carolina, where his heart was cheered by the rich blessings attending his ministry; and throughout life he looked back with delight upon the precious work of grace then and there enjoyed. He afterwards labored for a time in Harmony church, of Harmony Presbytery, S. C.; and about the fifth year of his ministry he accepted a call from Midway church, in the same Presbytery, and soon became its pastor, and continued such for a period of about thirty-five years. His congregation being extended, another house of worship was erected, some years ago, about ten miles from Midway, called Bethel, and from that time until his death, he continued to labor in both of these churches.

He was truly a servant of God, earnestly desiring the glory of that Saviour to whom he had devoted his life, and anxious for the salvation of precious souls. And truly did his divine Master honor him in his death. He died at his post, with his armor on, and in the faithful discharge of duty. After entering his accustomed pulpit on Sabbath, and invoking the divine blessing, he read the beautiful hymn, "Am I a soldier of the Cross?" which was sung; he then read and commented upon the third chapter of Malachi, to the 8th verse, "Will a man rob God?" when his strength failed, and in a few moments was fulfilled in his case, the striking words he had read in the first verse, "The Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in; behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts."

But though the "coming of the Lord was sudden," it found him ready; and he passed from his labors, from his pulpit, and from the presence of his startled and distressed people, into the world of glory, and into the rest prepared for the people of God.

Many who had listened to the gospel from his lips attended his funeral; and when the solemn services of the occasion were ended, and comfort was drawn from the sweet truth of revelation, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them," they laid his body in its resting place in the burial ground of Midway church, there to await the morning of its glorious resurrection.

"Servant of God, well done,
Praise be thy new employ;
And while eternal ages run,
Rest in thy Saviour's joy."

Rev. J. R. Dow reported the following minute concerning Rev. I. S. K. Legaré, deceased, which was adopted:

The Committee appointed to prepare a minute respecting the death of Rev. I. S. K. Legaré, present the following report:

Since the last meeting of our Synod, our beloved brother, Rev. Isaac Stockton Keith Legaré has departed this life and entered into rest. He died at his farm, near Orangeburg, S. C., July 29, 1874, in the sixty-sixth year of his age.

He was of Huguenot descent, and was the twelfth of the thirteen children of Thomas and Ann Eliza Legaré, and was born in the city of Charleston, December 24, 1808. From his earliest infancy he was dedicated by his pious parents to the ministry of God's dear Son, and by

them was carefully trained in "the nurture and admonition of the Lord." He received his first education in the schools of his native city, and was graduated at Yale College, in the class of 1830. His theological education was received at our Seminary in Columbia, and his first labors as an ambassador for Christ were bestowed on the people of Orangeburg. Here he gathered together a flock, and had a Presbyterian church organized, and he was the zealous pastor of that church for many years. In consequence of a failure of his voice, he was compelled for a time to cease preaching; and in 1848 he established the Orangeburg Female Seminary, which for a long time took high rank as an institution of learning. During the late war this school was closed, and he then retired to his farm and spent those years of trial in doing what he could to alleviate the distress of our soldiers and people, and to build up the waste places of Zion. After the close of the war he became an agent of the American Sunday-school Union, and spent some years in the service of that Society in Virginia and Georgia, going from place to place in these great States, scattering the seeds of truth, and, as opportunity offered, preaching the glorious gospel of the blessed God. About six months ago he closed his agency, and by the appointment of Charleston Presbytery he became stated supply of the Presbyterian church at Beech Island. On the last Sabbath of July of this year he officiated there as usual, and performed the services with great difficulty. He returned home on the following day in much bodily weakness, and in two days he passed away from the toils and temptations of earth to the "building of God, the house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Brother Legare was twice married; first to Miss Emma Catharine Mathews, and afterwards to Miss Eliza C. Palmer, an adopted daughter of the late Hon. Richard Yeadon, who, with an infant daughter, survives, and to whom this Synod now extends its most affectionate sympathy.

Mr. Legare was a heavenly-minded, cheerful, laborious servant of the Lord Jesus. He loved the young, and was untiring in his labors for their mental and moral improvement. His end was peace, and we doubt not that his eternity is glorious. "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

On motion of Rev. Dr. J. Leighton Wilson, the unfinished business was resumed, and the discussion continued.

Rev. S. Donnelly, of the Synod of Georgia, being present, was invited to sit as a correspondent member.

Rev. Dr. J. Leighton Wilson then moved that the overture concerning the Theological Seminary be postponed until the next meeting of Synod. The ayes and noes being called, were, (Rev. Dr. Adger being excused from voting,) as follows:

Ayes—Geo. Howe, T. H. Legaré, J. Leighton Wilson, James McDowell, N. W. Edmunds, W. T. Thompson, T. H. Law, L. K. Glasgow, J. L. Martin, J. T. Hay, S. P. Oliver, J. P. Chase, W. S. Brand, A. McCaskill, Flinn Wilson, T. H. Anderson, J. A. Leland, W. J. Copeland, J. A. James—19.

Noes—D. Harrison, H. R. Dickson, A. F. Dickson, J. S.

White, J. T. K. Belk, J. B. Steedman, H. H. Hart, J. Hemphill, J. L. Ralph, J. L. Girardeau, F. L. Leeper, J. R. Dow, J. A. Enslow, John McLeod, F. W. McMaster, S. H. Hay, J. E. Dunlop, H. G. Charles, T. B. Frazer, E. H. Buist, W. S. Plumer, W. W. Mills, A. R. Kennedy, R. Bradley, J. S. Cozby, C. E. Chichester, W. J. McKay, R. A. Herron, R. R. Rosborough, J. W. Law, T. L. Burgess, J. B. Jennings, J. F. Gibert, J. McLees, J. O. Lindsay, W. F. Pearson, W. P. Jacobs, A. P. Nicholson, S. R. Todd, S. F. Gibert, W. T. Henderson, R. S. Phinney, Jos. Foster, J. C. Carlile, D. E. Frierson, R. A. Fair, T. C. Ligon, W. C. Smith, J. G. Law, L. W. Gentry, J. M. Baxter, H. D. Boozer, C. Randall, W. P. Noble—54.

On the motion to adopt the overture from the Presbytery of Charleston, the ayes and noes were called, and were as follows, Rev. Drs. Howe and Adger and elder J. P. Chase were excused from voting:

Ayes—J. L. Girardeau, J. A. Enslow, J. Leighton Wilson, J. McDowell, J. E. Dunlop, A. R. Kennedy, R. Bradley, J. S. Cozby, J. A. James, A. McCaskill, F. Wilson, T. H. Law, J. L. Martin, T. H. Anderson, Jos. Foster—15.

Noes—J. S. Bailey, D. Harrison, H. R. Dickson, A. F. Dickson, J. S. White, J. T. K. Belk, J. B. Steedman, H. H. Hart, J. Hemphill, J. L. Ralph, T. H. Legaré, F. L. Leeper, J. R. Dow, G. R. Brackett, J. McLeod, F. W. McMaster, S. H. Hay, H. G. Charles, J. T. Hay, S. P. Oliver, T. B. Frazer, E. H. Buist, W. S. Plumer, W. W. Mills, N. W. Edmunds, W. T. Thompson, C. E. Chichester, W. J. McKay, R. A. Herron, R. R. Rosborough, W. S. Brand, J. W. Law, T. L. Burgess, J. B. Jennings, J. F. Gibert, J. McLees, J. O. Lindsay, W. F. Pearson, W. P. Jacobs, A. P. Nicholson, L. K. Glasgow, S. R. Todd, S. F. Gibert, W. T. Henderson, J. A. Leland, R. S. Phinney, W. J. Copeland, T. S. Blake, J. C. Carlile, D. E. Frierson, R. A. Fair, T. C. Ligon, W. C. Smith, J. G. Law, L. W. Gentry, J. M. Baxter, H. D. Boozer, C. Randall, W. P. Noble—59.

Rev. C. E. Chichester, from the Committee on the Narrative, presented the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Narrative beg leave to submit the following report:

From the Presbyterian Narratives which have come up to this body, we learn that portions of our field have been blessed by the Holy Spirit, in the conversion of sinners, the strengthening of saints, and the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom on earth. Our pastors have been permitted to labor regularly, and for the most part uninterruptedly in their various charges, to the evident satisfaction and improvement of the people, and to the strengthening of the saints. The Lord has blessed the regular administration of the ordinances of his house, and his word has not returned unto him void, but it has accomplished that whereunto it was

sent. The attendance upon public worship is reported as good, and steadily increasing.

During the past summer many of our vacant churches were served in a most satisfactory manner by licentiates and students, who were enabled to gather the scattered flocks together regularly on the Lord's day, and instruct them in the truths of God's Word. In other cases, the elders have shown commendable zeal in opening churches and conducting prayer-meetings in the absence of a regular minister.

Several new churches have been organised, and additions have been made to the number of candidates for the ministry.

There appears to be an increased interest manifested in Sabbath-schools, prayer-meetings, and family religion, evidencing the fact that our people are willing to labor for Christ in whatever fields he may open to them, and strive by precept and example to train up the youth of the Church in the fear of the Lord.

The contributions to the various benevolent objects of the Church, have been as generous as in the present condition of the country could reasonably be expected. The people seem to be striving to do their share in the support of the Church.

But there are also some causes for sadness. Reports come up from some of the Presbyteries, that the evils of intemperance and the temptations of fashionable life have drawn some of our members away from their duties, and led them back again to the gaieties and frivolities of the world, greatly to the peril of their own souls and the detriment of the cause of religion; and there is great need on the part of all our members, ministers and laymen, of a more entire consecration of body, soul, and mind to the Lord.

Three of our beloved brethren in the ministry have been removed by death, stricken down in the midst of their labors; one having met the messenger while standing in the pulpit and expounding the word of God. They have been removed from the scene of their labors here to the eternal enjoyment of their reward in heaven.

There is some effort being made in portions of our field to carry out the Assembly's plan relative to the organisation of an African Presbyterian Church. In Charleston Presbytery there are now six congregations of colored persons, who, it is believed, will soon take steps looking towards a separate organisation.

We have cause to be greatly encouraged in our work, and to continue our labors during the coming year, with renewed devotion to the Master's work, believing that he will bless us abundantly if we are faithful to our covenant vows.

C. E. CHICHESTER,

F. LEEPER,

J. A. LELAND,

Committee.

The Judicial Committee was discharged, no papers having come into its hands.

Rev. D. Harrison, from the Standing Committee on the Theological Seminary, presented a report, which was amended and adopted, as follows:

The Committee on the Theological Seminary offer the following report:

Whereas, we still recognise our obligations to support with our prayers and contributions the Columbia Theological Seminary; and whereas, we

are informed by the Circular Letter of Mr. Hemphill, chairman of the Board of Directors, and of Dr. Howe, chairman of the Faculty, that the amount necessary to meet the current expenses of the Seminary for the following year will be \$3,000; therefore, we recommend the Seminary to the prayers, the sympathy, and cordial support of all our churches.

That the amount assumed by this Synod be \$1,400, and be apportioned among the Presbyteries in the following manner: to the Presbyteries of Harmony and South Carolina, each, \$465, and to the Presbyteries of Bethel and Charleston, each, \$235.

That the collection of these respective sums be intrusted to one person in each Presbytery, viz.: Bethel Presbytery, Rev. R. E. Cooper; Charleston Presbytery, Rev. J. R. Dow; Harmony Presbytery, Rev. W. J. McKay; and South Carolina Presbytery, Rev. J. O. Lindsay.

That these appointees of the several Presbyteries be urged to use all diligence in the business intrusted to their hands, and that they forward the money as soon as possible to the Treasurer, Henry Muller, Esq., Columbia, S. C.

The Committee on Finance, through elder R. S. Phinney, presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee has examined the accounts of the Treasurer of Synod and find them correct and accompanied with the proper vouchers. We find that the assessment of \$40 on Charleston Presbytery for the past year has not been paid, and recommend that the attention of that Presbytery be called to the fact.

We recommend that 1,000 copies of the Minutes be printed and distributed, and that the following assessments be made for the coming Synodical year, to be collected forthwith: South Carolina and Harmony Presbyteries, each, \$50; Bethel and Charleston Presbyteries, each, \$35.

Synod then recessed from business and spent half an hour in devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. Dr. Girardeau.

Synod then took recess till 3 o'clock p. m.

After recess Synod assembled, and took up for consideration the order for this hour. Major Baxter's resolutions were amended and adopted, and are as follows:

Resolved, 1. That the Synod of South Carolina has heard, with pleasure and profit, the discourse of the Rev. J. B. Adger, D. D., on the Pastoral Relation and Support of the Ministry.

2. That Synod, without holding itself responsible for every utterance in the sermon, requests a copy for publication in the *Southern Presbyterian Review*.

3. That one thousand copies be printed in pamphlet form for distribution.

4. That when printed, these copies be distributed among the four Presbyteries, in the proportion of their Synodical assessments.

5. That Rev. Messrs. E. H. Buist, T. H. Law, and W. Banks, be a Committee to attend to the publication.

Also, that a copy of these resolutions be published with the sermon.

It was further resolved that the Stated Clerk be instructed to add to the assessments of the several Presbyteries their *pro rata* of the expenses for the publication of Dr. Adger's sermon.

The resolutions of the Rev. J. G. Law were then taken from the docket, and their consideration postponed until the next meeting of the Synod, and made the special order for 10 o'clock a. m. on Friday. The paper is as follows :

Resolved, 1. That this Synod employ an evangelist to labor within its bounds for the coming twelve months.

2. That the salary of the evangelist be fixed at \$3,000.

3. That this amount be apportioned among the Presbyteries as follows: South Carolina Presbytery, \$1,000; Harmony, \$800; Bethel and Charleston, each, \$600.

4. That the evangelist be directed to labor in Charleston Presbytery during the months of November and December; in Harmony in the months of January, February, and March; in Bethel, April, May, and June; and in South Carolina Presbytery, in July, August, September, and October.

5. That the aid of God's Holy Spirit be invoked upon this effort to advance the cause of our glorious Redeemer.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly was discharged.

The Committee on Leave of Absence presented the following report, which was approved, as follows :

The Committee on Leave of Absence make the following report :

Rev. R. H. Reid was excused for non-attendance upon our meetings in 1872, 1873, and our present meeting. Rev. J. L. Girardeau, D. D., was excused for absence from the last meeting. The following persons were excused for non-attendance upon our present meeting, viz.: Ministers, Charles S. Vedder, W. H. Adams, R. E. Cooper, W. A. Gregg, James Douglas, C. B. Stewart, D. P. Robinson.

Leave of absence was granted to the following members after Friday night's session, viz.: Rev. J. L. Kennedy and Rev. Hugh Strong. The following persons received leave of absence after the session Saturday morning, viz.: Ministers, E. T. Buist, D. D., J. E. Dunlop, J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., Robert Bradley, and W. W. Mills; elders S. R. Todd, W. S. Brandt, W. J. Copeland, W. K. Boggs, H. H. Hart, L. B. Cline, J. A. Enslow, H. G. Charles, J. P. Chase, Allan McCaskill, R. R. Rosborough, A. F. Wilson, T. L. Burgess, S. P. Oliver, J. A. James, R. A. Herron.

On motion of Rev. J. McDowell, the Synod recommended to our people the observance of the Concert of Prayer on the last Thursday of February, for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the youth of our churches and all our institutions of learning.

Rev. A. F. Dickson presented the following vote of thanks, which was adopted unanimously by a rising vote :

The Synod of South Carolina hereby tenders its thanks to the citizens of Newberry, of all denominations, for their abundant and graceful hospitality, and records its pleasant experience thereof.

Also to such Railroad Companies as have extended facilities to this body.

The minutes of this day were read and approved.

The Synod then, after singing, prayer, and the benediction, adjourned to meet at Yorkville, at 10 o'clock a. m., on Thursday, November 4th, 1875.

E. H. BUIST, Moderator.

WM. BANKS, Stated Clerk,

Fort Mill, S. C.

APPENDIX.

AMENDED CONSTITUTION OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF INDIGENT AND SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND THEIR FAMILIES.

ART. I. This Society shall be known and called by its corporate name, "The Society for the Relief of Indigent and Superannuated Ministers of the Presbyterian Church, and their Families."

ART. II. All persons who are now members of the Society shall continue to be members until their membership shall be forfeited by failure to comply with the duty required of them.

ART. III. Any person of good moral character may be admitted a member of this Society on application to the Executive Committee, which Committee are authorised to receive members. On entering the Society, each member shall pay to the Treasurer the sum of two dollars, and every succeeding year thereafter one dollar. The payment of fifteen dollars at one time shall constitute a life member, and relieve the person paying it from annual contributions. For failure for three years consecutively to pay the annual contribution, any member may be excluded, if ordered so to be by the Society. The Moderator of Synod and the Stated Clerk shall be *ex officio* members of the Society, and shall so continue for one year, and until other persons are elected to said positions.

ART. IV. The bounds of the Society shall be the same as the Synod of South Carolina; and it shall be under the control and subject to the orders of the Synod in all things not inconsistent with the charter. It may consist of an indefinite number of members, and shall not cease to exist whilst five members remain.

ART. V. The officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected or appointed by the said Synod at their annual meetings, and shall hold their offices for one year, and until their successors shall be chosen and enter upon the duty of their offices.

ART. VI. The four officers shall constitute an Executive Committee, a majority of whom shall have power to exercise and execute all the powers of the corporation; shall transact all of its business, and shall perform all the duties required of them by the Synod.

ART. VII. The President shall be charged with the general superintendence of the interest of the Society; shall attend to all the transfers of property; sign all deeds and all orders on the treasury, and keep all title papers. All acts done under the direction of the Committee, in the name of the corporation, and signed by him with or without seal, and countersigned by the Secretary, shall be binding upon the Society.

ART. VIII. The Vice President, in case of death or resignation of the

President, shall perform his duties, and in case of his absence from the meetings, shall preside.

ART. IX. The Secretary shall record the proceedings of the Society and of the Executive Committee, at every meeting; keep a list of the members and an account with each one; keep all the books and papers, except those directed to be kept by the President and Treasurer; keep an account of all gifts, donations, and property accruing to the Society, and preserve the names of all benefactors and donors.

ART. X. The Treasurer shall receive and pay out all money; keep safely all the cash, bonds, notes, mortgages, and securities for money; keep an exact account of all receipts and expenditures, and make annual reports thereof, which, after approval by the said Committee, shall be certified by the President, and submitted by him to the Synod at their annual meeting; and he shall, when required by the Executive Committee, give bond with security, in a penalty proportioned to the amount in his hands, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duty; to be approved by the President; to be increased in amount from time to time as may be directed by the Committee. The bond to be kept by the President.

ART. XI. All contributions, entrance money, gifts, donations, and all money and property accruing to the Society in any way whatever, or belonging to it, shall be carried to the general fund, and as soon as practicable made profitable under the directions of the said Committee.

ART. XII. No appropriation from the principal shall be made until the funds shall amount to ten thousand dollars; at least that sum shall be always kept as capital, to remain untouched for the production of interest to answer the ends of the Society. After that sum shall be raised, the whole or any part of the interest under the directions of the Synod, may be applied towards the relief of any indigent or superannuated minister of the Presbyterian Church connected with the Synod of South Carolina; towards the maintenance of any destitute widow of a deceased minister of said Church; towards maintenance and education of any children of a deceased minister or their families, that shall appear to the Synod to need assistance. Ministers who are members of this Society, and their widows and descendants, shall be preferred in the bestowment of favors.

ART. XIII. The funds not appropriated shall, as constantly as possible, be kept at interest, and the interest called in annually and put to interest, so that as nearly as possible there shall be an accumulation by annually compounding the interest.

ART. XIV. The Society may meet upon its own adjournment, or at such time and place as may be appointed by the Executive Committee. Any five of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business. The Executive Committee may meet at such time and place as they may appoint, or that may be ordered by the President, and adjourn to meet at its pleasure. It shall meet annually, within one month previous to the meeting of the Synod, and make up the annual report for the Synod. The President shall have power to call meetings of the Society and of the Executive Committee when he thinks it proper; and he shall call such meetings whenever requested to do so in writing, signed by two of the members of the Society, or of the said Committee.

ART. XV. The Constitution and By-Laws heretofore adopted, with the amendments heretofore made, in all other respects not herein specified, shall be, and they are hereby, repealed, annulled and superseded.

ART. XVI. The Synod of South Carolina alone shall have power to

amend this Constitution. The said Synod, at any meeting, may, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, amend, change, and alter this Constitution as to the Synod may seem proper.

Adopted by the Society as its Constitution, at a meeting thereof, at Newberry, this twenty-second day of October, A. D. 1874.

(Signed,)

THOS. C. PERRIN, President.

SAMUEL H. HAY, Secretary *pro tem*.



